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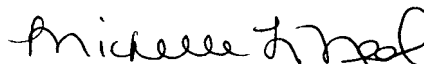
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Applicant: Toshio KABAYASHI et al.  
  
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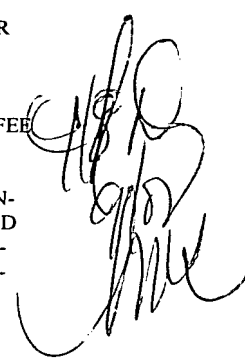
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box: RCE  
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Sir:

Prior to continuing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 and amend claims 4 and 7 as follows:

4. (Three Times Amended) A method of making a nonwoven fabric containing thermoplastic synthetic microfibers, said method comprising the steps of:

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